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CATALYSTS CONSISTING OF METALS  
ON HYDROTALCITE-BASED CARRIER  
MATERIALS, AND METHOD FOR THE  
PREPARATION THEREOF

[Corresponding to PCT/NO99/00403

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert:

--This application is a 371 application of PCT/NO99/00403 filed December 22, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The catalyst of claim 1 or 2, wherein M<sup>2+</sup> is Mg.

5. (Amended) The catalyst of claim 1 or 2, wherein M<sup>3+</sup> is Al.

6. (Amended) The catalyst of claim 1 or 2, wherein M<sup>3+</sup> is further Ga.

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